

# 23 KILLED OR BURNED TO DEATH IN WRECK

## LABOR WARS ON RAILROAD BILL SENATE PASSES

### Anti-Strike Clause of Cummins Measure Bitterly Opposed.

## ROAD PROBLEM GROWS Shopmen Move Toward Showdown With Hines' Administration.

With passage by the Senate of the Cummins bill and rejection of propositions to continue federal rail control, railroad labor problems came to the front again here last night.

Samuel Gompers, it became known at the Federation of Labor, will in the next few days, formally ask President Wilson to veto the Cummins bill if it comes to the anti-strike clause in the measure and with other labor leaders favors continuation of federal control for two years.

The second development was the approach of a "showdown" between railroad shopmen and the Railroad Administration over workers' demands for a 25 per cent salary increase. This dispute, which was pending about four months, may come to an issue next week, it was learned last night.

Half a million railroad workers represented in the machinery, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, electrical workers and cement trades are affected by the demands of the shopmen. Representatives of the shopmen yesterday conferred with Rail Director Hines and further conferences are set for tomorrow and Tuesday.

**Demands of Shopmen.**

The shopmen are asking that wages for mechanics be increased to \$5 cents an hour, helpers to 40 cents and apprentices to 35 cents. These demands were first made last March and were pressed last August, resulting in a number of unauthorized strikes. The question was temporarily settled by the granting of a small increase with the request to the men by President Wilson that they hold their demands in abeyance until the government's cost of living campaign could show results. The ninety days, set as the period wherein prices should show a drop, has more than passed, and shopmen's leaders say the men are growing restless at the government's apparent failure to reduce living costs.

Unless Hines, at next week's conference, can produce facts to show that the government can reduce prices, the shopmen's executives will

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## Danced With Officers For Husband's Promotion

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Alleging she was urged by her husband to submit to indignities at the hands of officers in order that her husband might be promoted from a private at Camp Lee, Va., Mrs. Verne Tolley Herzon has brought suit for divorce against Eugene O'Neill Herzon, both socially prominent here.

The wife avers her husband solicited her to attend dances with officers that he might gain favor and secure a commission.

In his statement, Herzon denies the allegations and accuses his wife of infidelity.

## AT WASHINGTON THEATERS

- National—Burton Holmes on "Vanished Russia."
- Moore's Rialto — Katherine McDonald in "The Thunderbolt."
- Loew's Palace — Marguerite Clark in "A Girl Named Mary."
- Crandall's Metropolitan — "The Girl from Outside."
- Cosmos—Continuous vaudeville and pictures.
- Crandall's Knickerbocker — "The Girl from Outside."
- B. F. Keith's—Vaudeville.
- Crandall's—Monroe Salisbury in "His Divorced Wife."
- Moore's Garden — "Everywoman."
- Moore's Strand — "Desert Gold."
- Loew's Columbia—"The Cinema Murder," with Marion Davies.
- Gayety — Burlesque; "Oh, Girl" Company.
- The Coliseum—Roller Skating.
- Folly — Burlesque; "Blue Birds."

## Jazz in Church "To Stir 'Em Up"

Denver, Dec. 20.—"The whole French nation was awakened by jazz music; so why not use it to wake up the church?" said the Rev. G. D. Lackland, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, in explaining his announcement that he will have a negro jazz band in the church at tomorrow's service.

If we give them music with pep, punch and some kick," he added, "they will be in a more receptive mood to appreciate the blessings of religion. Christ was no monk. He fraternized with the common people and indulged in their customs. The churches are no better than Christ and, as every one loves jazz music, why not please the multitude?"

## PALMER AFTER CLOTHING RING

### Attorney General Serves Notice on "Trust to Lower Prices."

Prosecution of the ready-made clothing "trust" may be the next objective of Attorney General Palmer in his fight to reduce prices.

Palmer, it was learned, has ready a big stick to swing over the clothing manufacturers like the one used in forcing a settlement with the packers. The Attorney General, however, plans first to use diplomatic methods on the clothing makers.

Ample opportunity for price gouging in the clothing line to withdraw gracefully from their entrenchment of high prices will be afforded at a conference here in January. The call for this conference probably will be sent out tomorrow. It will include clothing manufacturers and wholesale and retail dealers.

Palmer will emphasize to the conferees that prices must come down. Then they will be left to their own devices in working out a plan. In doing this they will have the assistance of agents of the Department of Justice. But the plan as finally approved by the conference will have to have the approval of the Attorney General. Assistant Attorney General Flagg, in charge of the conference, yesterday denied any intention that the high-priced clothing ring is to be coerced. Despite this, it is known that the department has at its disposal evidence tending to show profiteering in many lines of wearing apparel.

The Federal Trade Commission, which furnished the bulk of the evidence with which Palmer armed himself, before forcing the packers to a settlement, also has figures on the clothing industry.

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Pointing out that many children are burned to death in America every year the fire department issued this Christmas-time warning:

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"Do not use candles on the Christmas tree. They are the most frequent cause of Christmas fires.

"Do not leave matches within reach of children at holiday time.

"Do not allow trees to remain inside buildings after the holidays. The tree itself ignites readily when needles have become dry. A large number of fires usually occur in January from this cause.

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## LODGE BLOCKS MOVE TO NAME PACT CONFERS

### Republican Senate Leader Disregards "Christmas Spirit" Plea.

## KNOX PLAN REPORTED

### Alabama Solon Makes Unexpected Proposal on Eve Of Holiday Recess.

Senator Lodge, Republican leader, last night blocked an effort by Senator Underwood, Alabama, to have the Senate create an official committee on treaty compromise. In spite of an appeal by Underwood "to let the Christmas spirit prevail," Lodge refused to permit consideration of Underwood's resolution for appointment by Vice President Marshall of a conciliation committee of ten.

Underwood made his peace move unexpectedly soon after Senator Knox, Pennsylvania, had presented to the Senate a favorable report from the Foreign Relations Committee on his resolution declaring the war at an end. Knox made no effort to pass his resolution which was approved earlier in the day by the committee. His purpose is to call it up soon after the holiday recess.

**Could Work Out Solution.**

In appealing to Senators Lodge and Hitchcock, the party leaders to join with him in support of his resolution, Underwood said:

"I think if the Senate would pause now and adopt this resolution that by the time we meet in January a position probably would be worked out on which the contending forces could get together and we could celebrate the New Year by acclaiming the peace of the whole world. This resolution

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## YOUNG GIRL CLEARS HER MOTHER OF PART IN FATHER'S MURDER



San Luis Obispo, Cal., Dec. 20.—Bertha Dear, 14-year-old daughter of Fred A. Dear, former official of San Luis Obispo County who was murdered with a razor in his home November 17 last, cleared her mother of suspicion through testimony given local authorities. She has furnished detectives with a clue concerning a man to whom her father owed money and this person's movements on the night of the tragedy are being closely investigated.

## FRENCH AIRMEN SUFFERED MOST

### Official Figures Show Their Casualties Heaviest of Any Allied Arm.

The complete official statistics of the French air forces, received here yesterday by the War Department, show that that nation's flying forces suffered the greatest proportion of losses of any arm of any of the allied armies.

From August 4, 1914, to November 11, 1918, 1,945 pilots and observers were killed; 1,461 were listed as missing and 2,322 were wounded. All the fatalities occurred inside the army zones. Outside the army zone, however, 1,957 pilots and observers were killed, thereby bringing the total losses in killed and wounded up to 5,767. As the full strength of the French Air Service in December, 1918, was 12,019 men, the war losses represent 61 per cent.

## BRITON FINISHES HISTORIC FLIGHT

### Capt. Ross Smith Completes London-Melbourne £10,000 Prize Feat.

London, Dec. 20.—Capt. Ross Smith has completed his flight from London to Melbourne, according to a message from that city today. He landed safely at Anthony's Lagoon, the message said, although the propeller of his machine was broken in landing.

Capt. Smith reached Port Darwin, Australia, several days ago. Presumably he awaited favorable weather before resuming his flight to Melbourne, completed today. He won a £10,000 prize offered by the Australian government for the first flight from London to Melbourne, as well as smaller prizes offered by newspapers. Smith flew a Vickers-Vimy airplane.

## Canada Cancels War Acts; Horses Run; Liquor Flows

Vancouver, British Columbia, Dec. 20.—The Ottawa government today brought joy to the hearts of the "wets" by formally abrogating the war measures act which means that the ban will be lifted on inter-provincial liquor trade and the horse racing edict. All military prisoners are also ordered released.

Several firms are prepared to accept orders for Christmas cheer at once.

## Follow Christ's Teachings To Have Peace on Earth

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 20.—"Christ's coming means peace on condition that we get back to His teachings. The Christmas crib tells the story of sacrifice and unselfishness, and sacrifice and unselfishness brings peace. My wish is that all men of good will would strive to exemplify the life and lessons of Christ."

This is the Christmas wish of Cardinal Gibbons expressed today.

**Communist Editors Held.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Isaac E. Ferguson editor of the "Communist," organ of the Communist party in New York, and Charles E. Ruthenberg, his assistant, were held at police headquarters here today pending arraignment on charges of criminal anarchy.

## WILSON NAMES BOARD TO FIX PRICE OF COAL

### Public, Miners and Operators Are Represented on New Commission.

## MINE OWNERS RESTIVE

### Shy at Being Bound by Decision of Body They Do Not Recognize.

President Wilson last night announced the personnel of the coal commission. Its members will be Henry M. Robinson, of Pasadena, Cal., the representative of the public; John P. White, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, for the miners, and Rembrandt Peale, a Pennsylvania operator, as the representative of the operators.

As soon as the acceptance of the three men are received at the White House the President will call an early meeting of the commission so that the members may be able to lay out plans for their work.

In a long letter to the three prospective commissioners, the President reviews the entire history of the recent coal crisis and the incidents that led up to it. He provides that whatever decisions the commission may reach on any of the subjects that come within its jurisdiction must be as the result of unanimous action.

**Wants Unanimous Action.**

"If a readjustment of the prices of coal shall be found necessary," says the President, "I shall be pleased to transfer to the commission, subject to its unanimous action, the powers heretofore vested in the Fuel Administrator for that purpose."

For the benefit of the members of the commission the President enclosed in his letter a memorandum

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## GROGERS PRESS PACKER HEARING

### National Association Will Not Drop Suit Until Assured Free Field.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The National Wholesale Grocers' Association today refused to drop its suit against the "big five" packers before the Federal Trade commission.

Clifford Thorne, general counsel for the grocers, said the suit will be dropped only if the government and the packers produce a detailed statement of the agreement and present conclusive evidence that the meat packers will withdraw permanently from the grocery field.

J. Ogden Armour said Armour and Company would sell their interests in every stockyard company, close their grocery business and discontinue all unrelated lines at once. The Chicago Stockyards Company will be dissolved, packers said.

## SHIP INSURANCE BAN LIFT URGED

### Foreign Companies "Combining Profits" of Americans, Is Disclosure of Board.

Restrictions imposed by States on marine insurance have enabled foreign underwriters to secure a practical monopoly of the American market.

This monopoly is being used by foreign nations to control the main trade routes, besides permitting tens of millions of dollars in premiums to flow abroad annually which could be absorbed by American companies if present conditions were rectified.

These disclosures are made in a letter addressed to the governors and State insurance commissioners today by the House Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries and the United States Shipping Board.

The letter recommends the immediate removal of these restrictions essential to the successful maintenance of the merchant marine and the development of the foreign trade of this country.

The letter lays particular stress on the fact that the possession of these facilities is enabling foreign underwriters to "comb our profits and to control directly and indirectly many of the leading lines of international commerce."

## Bandits Hold Up Paymaster.

New York, Dec. 20.—Four automobile bandits held up the paymaster at the Long-horren's office at the foot of East Twenty-fourth street today and occupied with the pay roll, amounting to between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

## Airplanes Fail To Annoy Ducks

Airplanes do not bother wild ducks, the Army Air Service declared yesterday and sportsmen who believe they do are unduly alarmed.

Lieut. Col. H. M. Hickam, when in command of Dorr and Carlstrom fields, flew twice a day for a period of several months over a swamp that was the feeding place of wild ducks, and in order to flush the fowl it was necessary for him to pilot his plane within 50 or 100 feet of the surface. But when he would take off the ducks would immediately return to the swamp.

As an instance of the effect of airplanes on wild ducks the colonel on several occasions attempted to herd a flock of teal numbering about 500 over a blind. He chased the flock a half hour without success.

## FARMERS LEVEL FIRE ON PALMER

### Declare Settlement With Packers "Sweeping Defeat" for Consumers.

"A sweeping victory for the whole-sale grocers and a sweeping defeat for the livestock producers, the farmers and the consumers of America," This is the characterization placed by the Farmers' National Council, in a statement issued last night, upon the recent agreement reached between the Department of Justice and the "Big Five" packers, by which the latter will withdraw from the manufacture and sale of "unrelated" products.

The agreement makes more necessary than ever the enactment of the Kenyon-Anderson bill for the protection of the farmers, producers and the public, according to the statement, and "serves notice in unmistakable terms upon the American people that parties guilty of the grossest forms of conspiracy in restraint of trade and to establish monopoly, may, apparently, through agreement with the Department of Justice, secure immunity for their actions."

Further, it is asserted, the decree permits the packers, "through holding companies, to continue their exploitation of the people."

The statement reads in part:

"The decree issued by the Department of Justice serves notice in unmistakable terms upon the American people that parties guilty of the grossest forms of conspiracy in restraint of trade, and to establish monopoly may apparently, through agreement with the Department of Justice, secure immunity for their actions. Another equally striking feature about the decree is that under it the packers may through holding companies continue their exploitations of the people."

"Volume II of the Federal Trade Commission's report on the meat-packing industry shows conclusively

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## Kidnapper and Victim Vanish Through Window

Cleveland, Dec. 20.—The police were called upon to solve a mysterious kidnapping case in which Mary Zakas, 6, was stolen from one of the wards at "Hospital early today.

Hospital authorities were reluctant to give out any word of the kidnapping, but it was learned that the child was taken by a man who fled through a window opening on a fire escape.

## 12 Negro Race Rioters To Die—No New Trial

Helena, Ark., Dec. 20.—Twelve negroes sentenced to be electrocuted for race rioting at Elaine, Ark., last October must be executed, Judge J. M. Jackson ruled today in overruling a motion for a new trial.

Six will be electrocuted December 27 and the other six January 2.

## Ice Damages Boats.

Quebec, Canada, Dec. 20.—Reports of the steamers Canadian Recruit and Canadian Spinner drifting in the ice down St. Lawrence River indicate that neither is in immediate danger. The Recruit is disabled with her rudder carried away.

## PATHETIC SCENES ENACTED AS FREIGHT LOCOMOTIVE SMASHES IMMIGRANT-LADEN COACHES

## CONGRESS AIDS RENEWED WAR ON ANARCHISTS

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## PLUGS LEGAL LOOPHOLE

### Scores of Alien Agitators Herded at New York to Be Booted from U. S.

Congress and the Department of Labor yesterday speeded work of ridding the country of aliens who are advocating revolution and violence.

The House, by unanimous vote, passed drastic amendments to the deportation laws under which several hundred radicals, now amnestied, according to Department of Labor rulings, will be sent back to Russia and other European countries. The amendments in general make it a deportable offense to be a member of organizations or groups advocating violence, anarchy or revolution or to give financial or other assistance to such movements. These were the loopholes in present laws, the Labor Department said.

Meanwhile the Bureau of Immigration was rushing the sending of several hundred "Reds" out of the country. Word was sent to the immigration committee that the "Soviet Ark," carrying Alexander Berkman, Emma Goldman and many other Russian anarchists, will weigh anchor at Ellis Island during the night. Representatives of the committee, however, said that 20 radicals would be sent out on ships leaving during the next forty-eight hours, and his statement that this action was a real "Christmas gift" to the American people was greeted with applause.

**Action Not Contested.**

There was no movement of any kind in the House to make amendments to the deportation laws. More than a dozen speakers declared that the time has come for the government to rid the country of this

## Liquor Racing to Ports For Shipment from U. S.

New York, Dec. 20.—Oceans of booze are threatened with being marooned in the American Sahara on the last call for export January 16.

Millions of gallons of wines and "hard stuff" are awaiting passage to damper climates but although the exodus has been on for several months, shippers said today that cargo space is too limited to carry away any great percentage of the home supply.

## Home Rule Plans Changed.

London, Dec. 20.—The News said today it had learned from a government source that the government plan of home rule for Ireland to be announced by Premier Lloyd George in Commons Monday will be modified as a result of the attack on Viscount French in Dublin yesterday.

## Loss of Teachers Wrecking Schools

Loss of valuable school material from the public school system of the District of Columbia, a direct result of the low salaries paid, is a problem which is facing the heads of the local system and is plainly causing them much worry.

Teachers have been going out in what is looked upon as alarming numbers. Salaries paid teachers here make it impossible for many of these men and women to support themselves in the fact of the high cost of living. School officials admit that they cannot keep teachers. They are men and women trained for this profession, who desire to keep it up as a life's work, but absolutely cannot do it on the small salaries paid.

Aside from the resignation of

## Failure of Freighters Crew To Take Sidetrack to Allow Special Express, Running Five Hours Behind Schedule, the Right of Way Believed Cause.

Onawa, Me., Dec. 20.—Twenty-three persons were killed or burned to death when an Eastbound freight train collided head-on with a special passenger train, bearing 300 English immigrants, near here today, officials of the Canadian-Pacific Railway announced tonight.

**200 Immigrants Aboard.**

The special train bearing 300 passengers who arrived at St. John, N. B., on the steamship Empress of France, yesterday collided with an eastbound freight train shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. Nearly two score were injured, many seriously. Among them were several children.

The list of the dead follows:

M. Evans, Vancouver, B. C.; Carl Anderson, Golden, B. C.; Mrs. J. Bingham, Isabella, Man.; James Borthwick, Tisdale, Man.; J. Roynton, Vancouver, B. C.; unidentified woman, about 28 years old; Andrew Anderson, Edmonton; unidentified man, about 30 years old (initials K. B.); Mrs. A. Bissett, Saskatoon; unidentified man, about 27; Einar Nilsson, Rainton, Sask.; J. B. Cartwright, Vancouver, B. C.; unidentified woman, 16 years old; unidentified woman, 25 years old (probably traveling with J. R. Cartwright); baby, 25 months old, belonging to Mrs. J. Bingham, Isabella, Man.; boy, John Bentley, 5 years old; girl, Edwin Bentley, 3 years old; Elwood Nippen; 3 years old, belonging to Mrs. J. Bingham, Isabella, Man.; boy, unidentified, 8 years old (all passengers failed to identify); F. A. Wilson, engineer, Brownville, Me.; A. L. Heniger, fireman, Brownville, Me.; W. C. Bagley, engineer, Brownville, Me.; C. F. Haicher, fireman Brownville, Me.

The wreck is believed to have been caused by the failure of the freight train to take a side track at Bodfish to allow the special right of way. The latter was running five hours late. Identification of the dead was slow, owing to the condition of the bodies and the confusion following the crash, together with the biting wind and intense cold.

It was feared that as the wreckage is cleared away more bodies may be found.

**Injured Taken to Nearby Towns.**

The injured passengers were taken to nearby towns until the track can be cleared for continuance of their journey. In the meantime citizens were offering the hospitality of their homes to the grief-stricken relatives of the dead and injured.

The collision occurred near the foot of Bear Stone Mountain in an isolated section of the wilds of Maine. The country here is bleak and uninviting, lying under several feet of snow.

The spot where the two trains met is in a deep cut on a sharp curve, which obscures the view of the track in either direction. The heavy locomotive of the freight train, driven by the great weight of a long string of cars, ploughed through the engine and first two cars of the special.

**Death Cries Follow Crash.**

Following the roar of the crash and the hiss of escaping steam came the cries of which broke the telegraph lines, and it was hours before the wires were patched and the first frantic call for help dispatched. Then came another long wait before the first relief train steamed into view.

Panic followed the crash, which came when many of the passengers were still in their berths. Others had arisen early to catch a glimpse of the country through which they were passing to their new homes on the Canadian prairies. Terror-stricken men, women and children poured from the coaches on the rear of the train and it was several minutes before any organized rescue work was started. Passengers, however, soon began working in the mass of tangled steel and splintered wood to release the dying and injured before they were consumed by the flames. Many hopelessly pinned in the wreckage could not be rescued.

**Some Beyond Identification.**

The bodies of the dead were taken from the wreckage and laid in a row on the snow by the track, to await identification. In some cases this was impossible. Later they were taken to Brownville. The passengers, fresh from England and unaccustomed to the intense cold, suffered from lack of clothing and food.

Relief trains bearing doctors and nurses with food and clothing were rushed to the scene from Megantic, Que., and from several cities in Maine and from St. John. A train of empty coaches at Greenville was sent to the spot and took many of the injured to Greenville, while others were taken to an improvised hospital in the Brownville, U. M. C. A., which was soon filled with sufferers.

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